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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116
TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION MAILED MAY 6, 2003**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed May 6, 2003, which sets a three month shortened statutory period for response until August 6, 2003.

Applicants hereby request an extension of time for three months to extend the period for response until November 6, 2003, and are concurrently filing a formal Request for Extension of Time for three months accompanied by the government fee. If for any reason the Request for Extension of Time is not associated with the file at the Patent and Trademark Office and/or if the fee is deficient and/or any extensions of time are necessary, such as any extension of time for entry of an Examiner's Amendment, this is an express request for any required extension of time to maintain the pendency of the application, and authorization to charge any required extension of time fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Entry of the instant amendment, with reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.